

WORK OF STATION IS DONE

Improvements at
Experimental
Station.

APPROPRIATION IS EXHAUSTED

Jared Smith Has Made a Good
Start With the Funds
on Hand.

THE work of the United States Agricultural Department in Honolulu is practically closed until the next session of congress appropriates money for the purpose of continuing operations. This does not mean that the local bureau is to be closed, but that the appropriation having been exhausted, nothing can be done for the present.

The money spent during the time that Jared Smith has been in charge of the Agricultural Bureau has been returned many fold, as may easily be seen by even a casual visitor to the government station just beyond Punchbowl. The transformation which has been worked within a few short months, and with the expenditure of a comparatively small amount of money, is truly wonderful. For the entire appropriation for the service for the year was only \$12,000, and half of that amount went for the payment of salaries, so that the permanent improvement already made with that sum is indeed remarkable. It was expected that the legislature would appropriate a sum of money sufficient to carry on this work, but as this was not done, Mr. Smith was obliged to depend only upon the aid received directly from Washington.

The tract of land several miles in extent set apart for the experimental station is magnificently adapted for the purpose, though it will require a large expenditure of money and labor to put it in shape for that use. Considerable of the land has already been cleared by Mr. Smith, but it will require months and perhaps years before the task is completed. The property is overgrown by dense lantana bushes and guava trees, and is generally of a rocky nature and seemingly impossible of cultivation. Several acres have already been cleared of the lantana and guava in the neighborhood of the residence erected for the use of Mr. Smith, and the soil made ready for planting. The land is covered by only a thin layer of soil, and this is carefully husbanded for future use.

The buildings for the use of the station have been practically completed and the finishing touches of paint and varnish were being added yesterday.

The residence for the use of the chief of the experimental station is a handsome cottage of five rooms, of artistic design with a wide lanai which affords a splendid view of the city and sea from Pearl Harbor to Diamond Head. Mr. Smith's family is expected to arrive the latter part of this month, and will take up their residence there.

Neat stables, and a chicken house have also been erected, and are ready for use. Just below the main building is a cottage for the Japanese laborers, and on Tantalus another cottage has been erected for the same purpose. Below the main residence, gardens have been laid out and planted with vegetables, a lawn is laid out in front, and propagating beds have also been prepared. Just above the house is a large reservoir, which will be filled from the city mains, a gasoline engine and pump having been installed for that purpose.

Considerable work has also been done on Tantalus in preparing the ground for the experimental work to which it will be put, as soon as further appropriation makes this possible. The land has all been cleared of the lantana and guava, and laid out in terraces, which afford places for seed and propagating beds. Below the experimental station proper is the tract set apart for the naval reservation hospital. This has also been cleared by the Agricultural Department, and will be used until the Naval Department requires the land. This work particularly has been very expensive and tedious, and is what has eaten so largely into the appropriation, which at the most was far too small for the work laid out. All the improvements this year are of a permanent nature, but the next appropriation will be devoted to a great extent to the actual work of experimentation, to which the United States Agricultural Department will be largely devoted.

Altogether, the experimental station is well worthy of a visit, and the drive is an exceptionally fine one, the road having been laid out to the door of the station.

STIRRING UP POLITICAL HARMONY.



ALL—Double, double toil and trouble
Fire, burn, and cauldron bubble.

SECOND WITCH—Fillet of a fenny snake,
In the cauldron boil and bake;
Eye of newt and toe of frog,
Wool of bat and tongue of dog,

Adder's fork and blind worm's sting,
Lizard's leg and owl's wing,
For a charm of powerful trouble
Like a hell-broth, boil and bubble.

A L—Double, double toil and trouble,
Fire, burn, and cauldron bubble.

RAPID WORK ON ELECTRIC LINE

When the hour for the stoppage of work was reached last evening the advance guard of the men working on the construction of the Kailhi line of the Rapid Transit company had reached the first bridge at the rice fields, beyond the Reform school. The progress made upon the line was such that the contractor was enabled to employ a full force, about 125 men. These were stretched over 1,500 feet of the track work, engaged in every branch of it. The grading for the first filling of rock was quite a distance ahead of the roller owing to the fact that the work is progressing so fast.

Beginning this morning the street, to the Reform school, will be cleared of all debris resulting from the making of the excavation. This earth will be carted down to the filling which is to be done between the line crosses the low places between the rice fields. As soon as this is done over a stretch of 2,000 feet the roller will be sent back and the rock which has been filled in between the tracks will be leveled down to the street grade. The final treatment of macadamizing the road between the rails will not be done at this time.

At the present rate track is being laid to the extent of 400 feet each day. It is the intention of Contractor McKee to put on a sufficient force to make the track laying at least 500 feet a day. In the meantime the Rapid Transit company will begin the placing of its poles so that the stringing of wires may progress with the completion of the track. The connection of the new line with the one now in use at the corner of Liliha street and King will be made during this week.

UMPIRES HAVE BEEN CHOSEN

A meeting of the Hawaiian Inter-Collegiate Football Association was held at 12:30 p. m. yesterday, at the rooms of the Honolulu Athletic Club.

The constitution and by-laws of the league were adopted.

W. H. Babbitt and George R. Carter were appointed official umpires for the season.

A committee, consisting of George Lucas, John Wise and W. Williamson, was appointed to attend to matters pertaining to the ground.

It was decided to charge an admission of twenty-five cents to all league games, the first of which will take place next Saturday between the Artillery and Punahou Athletic club.

The meeting adjourned until next Friday at the same time and place.

McKinley's Simple Habits.

A resident of Honolulu who was in Washington last year had an appointment for 9 o'clock in the morning with Dr. Anderson, a well known dentist of that city. The dentist was half an hour late in meeting the appointment, and made the excuse that President McKinley sent for him to fix up a tooth. He found the president sitting in his bath room shaving himself without a looking-glass. He asked him why he did not use a glass, and he replied that when he was a soldier during the Civil War he learned how to shave without a glass, and he had not used one since that time.

Professor Koebele did not go to Kohala yesterday as anticipated, but will leave Friday instead, for Lahaina, to make an investigation of the sugar cane there. On the following Tuesday he will go to Kohala, and from there to Waimea and Hilo, for an examination of the forests.

THEY WILL ESCAPE THE INCOME TAX

Federal office holders in the Hawaiian Islands will not have to pay income tax unless they have some other source of income than the salaries received from the United States government. This decision was announced by Collector Pratt yesterday and relieves the minds of a good many officials drawing pay from the national government, who were not altogether certain "where they were at."

It will be remembered that the late United States Marshal Ray some months prior to his death requested an opinion from the Attorney General as regards the relation of the income tax to the salaries of Federal office holders. No opinion was given because at that time the matter was pending in the Supreme Court.

Collector Pratt was then asked for an opinion and he requested a ruling from Robertson & Wilder, the attorneys for the tax office, upon that question.

Their opinion was submitted several months ago, and was as follows:

J. W. Pratt, Tax Assessor: Referring to the protest of United States Marshal Daniel A. Ray against assessment on his salary under the income tax law, we have to say that in our opinion the salaries of federal officers are not subject to the tax.

ROBERTSON & WILDER. It is with this ruling as a basis that Assessor Pratt holds that the salaries of all officers of the United States are not liable for the income tax.

Returns had already been made by nearly every official of the government, and the majority of them were prepared to pay it. This exemption would include not only the court officials, but also the employees in other branches of the United States service in the Hawaiian Territory.

MURPHY HALL IS NOW OPEN

The formal opening of the Francis Murphy Temperance Club in its new home, Queen Emma Hall, Nuuanu and Beretania streets, took place last evening, a large audience being in attendance. The dedication meeting was held in the mauka room of the building which has been fitted up as the entertainment hall. This room is seated with chairs and is fairly decorated, though owing to the fact that the lights were not turned on the illumination had to be by candles.

The meeting was called to order by Moses Nakuina, the new president of the club, and after singing and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Westervelt, the Rev. Mr. Rice spoke at some length on the work before the club and what may be accomplished by it. Mrs. J. M. Whitney, president of the W. C. T. U., followed with some remarks on the work of the club and H. C. Brown, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., added congratulations upon the success of the movement. President Nakuina spoke of the club's work and then the dedicatory address was delivered by the Rev. W. D. Westervelt.

While the audience room is the principal one, the makai parlors will be fitted up as a lady's room in front and a reading room in the rear. There are dressing rooms off the stage and the bar has been fitted up in the hallway, the stairs having been closed in. The lower floor has not been fixed up but will be rented if possible. There will be an elaborate entertainment Saturday evening.

HOT TALK OF HOME RULERS

Markham Scores
Men Who Did
Nothing.

EMMELUTH IS AGAIN LECTURING

Mrs. Wilcox Gives Piece of Her
Mind—New Members of Ex-
ecutive Committee.

THERE was language of a lurid hue shed all over Foster's Hall during the meeting of the Independent Home Rule Republican Executive Committee last evening. Then to add to the prevailing feeling of discomfort over the turn taken by matters, Mrs. R. W. Wilcox turned in and said a few things about George Markham which were sufficient to clear the hall. Altogether the meeting was exceptionally successful, from a party standpoint.

Election of five members to the executive committee, to fill the places of members dead or resigned, was the purpose of the meeting and it took two hours to effect the choice of the quintet. The men selected were those who were nominated in every instance, but in the choosing the members of the committee registered several kicks which took time though they did not land. The men chosen for the vacancies were: Jonah C. Kalaniana'ole (Prince Cupid), Carlos Long, William Kahlbaum, Moses Nakuina and Kaleopu. Of course the Prince went through without any objection, but the next man got it hard. It was urged that Long would be dominated by John Colburn, which would insure a Democrat in the councils of the party. When Nakuina was mentioned there was a roar that he was a Republican, but Beckley thought this was not a good objection as the party was a Republican party itself. Then the entire slate was ratified.

The fact that there was never a mention of demanding the resignations of the older men in the councils of the party, indicated that the young bloods have decided to take it easy and allow matters to take a course which will give them the victory later, and by less radical means. There was not a single thought of asking the resignation of the chairman, Kalaokalani, according to some of the members of the committee, and he went on with his business just as if nothing had been said by the hot-bloods.

It was after the actual business of the evening was over that the real fun began, for then John Emmeluth gave to the members of the committee the benefit of his experiences in the United States recently, and Markham told what he thought of the party's representatives in the Legislature. Incidentally he spoke his mind about the selection of the name for the paper of Mrs. Wilcox, and this brought out some hot air from Fred Beckley and the editor, both of whom called Markham some names, but allowed him to escape without the spilling of any blood.

The discussion which came about under the nominations of committeemen had opened up the general course of lectures to which "Honest John" was to resume contributions. He told the members of the committee that they should not give any great amount of weight to the matter of a name. In the United States he said the only name under which the Hawaiian element was known or judged was by the title of Home Rulers. The duty of party men was to stick to the party and to work for the country and its needs. He resented any attempt to change the rules of the party, for, he said the platform was the basis of party action and the only platform before the people was that adopted at the last election convention of the party and this must stand until there was held another convention which could change the foundation of the party. He insisted that the party stand by its platform, intimating that the people would not stand for more than one more such a legislature as the last.

Incidentally "Constant Jaw-n," as one of the fellows called him, put in a few body blows upon the members of the Legislature for their failure to pass the county bill. He said had that been done there would have been a different story to tell about the doings of the Legislature and different prospects of the future of the Territory. He adjourned.

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